

10. (previously presented) The hinge assembly according to claim 9, wherein said hollow body is hinged to the supporting base at an end of the hollow body distal with respect to the lifting lever.

11. (previously presented) The hinge assembly according to claim 10, wherein said hollow body is hinged to at least one supporting wall extending laterally to the supporting base.

12. (previously presented) The hinge assembly according to claim 11, wherein said supporting wall integrally extends from the supporting base.

13. (canceled)

14. (currently amended): The hinge assembly according to claim 13 1 or 8, wherein said adjustment device comprises a cap for closing the distal end of the hollow body, said cap being adjustably positionable along the axial direction and being adapted to cooperate in abutment relationship with a free end of at least one spring of said spring group.

15. (previously presented) The hinge assembly according to claim 14, further comprising at least one abutment element adapted to limit the extraction of the closing cap from the distal end of the hollow body housing said at least one spring.

16. (previously presented) The hinge assembly according to claim 15, wherein said at least one abutment element integrally extends from the supporting base.

17. (Withdrawn - amended) Hinge assembly (1) according to claim 15, wherein said at least one abutment element (90) is constituted by an adjustment screw rotatably mounted in the lifting lever (7) and cooperating in abutment relationship with the closing cap (87) of the hollow body (78).

18. (previously presented) The hinge assembly according to claim 1, wherein said balancing device is at least temporarily housed in a respective housing space defined within the lifting lever during rotation of the lifting lever about said first pivoting axis.

19. (currently amended): The hinge assembly according to claim 18, wherein said a spring group is slidably mounted in said housing space defined within the lifting lever.